

FOES ENTER TRUCE TO BURY THE DEAD

AGREE TO PERMIT DISPOSAL OF BODIES THAT HAVE LAIN LONG ON GROUND.

INVADERS AGAIN REPULSED

Berlin and Petrograd Agree Lines in Poland Are Unchanged—Prussians Report Fall of British Trenches.

Valparaiso, Chile.—A wireless message from the Chilean torpedo gunboat Tome reports the British cruiser Newcastle cannonading 15 miles from Valparaiso. It is supposed she has engaged the German cruiser Dresden and converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

A British squadron and Japanese warships are known to be cruising not far from this port.

London.—Christmas at the front, both east and west, saw no abatement in the struggles that have been going on for weeks between the warring nations for some decisive result, which might turn the tide of battle.

The German forces in Russian Poland under Field Marshal Von Hindenburg continue their assaults upon the Russian line which blocks their way to Warsaw. Throughout the day and night before Christmas the invaders hammered away in a series of attacks, according to the latest Russian official statement, principally in the districts of Sochaczew, 28 miles west of Warsaw and Bolimow, just south of Sochaczew. All these attacks were repulsed, with great loss to the Germans. It is stated in the Petrograd communication.

In the western theater both Germans and allies claim to have repulsed attacks at various points, but there is no indication in the reports of any material change in the situation.

"In Flanders things were generally quiet," says the German bulletin. The French report speaks of intermittent artillery firing there. The French claim several successes along the center and eastern lines, while the Germans declare that they have taken the second British trenches in Belgium. Both sides assert that they have repulsed attacks at various points, which indicates that the feeling process is under way all along the lines.

2 KILLED IN SNOWBALL FIGHT

Artillery Private, on Leave, Asserts That He Was Struck With Beer Bottle.

Middletown, Ohio.—Albert Bailey, a private in company 137, coast artillery, stationed at Fort Hancock, N. J., arrived here on a three-months furlough, and when going from the station to his home stopped to witness a snowball fight. He was struck by something, whereupon he shot Thomas Clezitch, 32 years old, through the head and Joseph Zugelant, 36 years old, through the heart, both men dying instantly.

Bailey was arrested and to the police he said he was hit with a beer bottle which he snatched him that he did not know what he was doing.

BRYAN BUYS CAROLINA LAND

He Expects Some Time to Build a Summer Home on This Tract of Mountain Land.

Asheville, North Carolina.—With a view of some time building a summer home here, Secretary Bryan has bought 10 acres of mountain land lying within the limits of the city, which it overlooks.

The land commands a far-reaching view of Biltmore House and the 100,000 acres of mountain forestry recently bought by the government for a national park.

A feature of its woodland is a large patch of sourwood bushes, planted so as to make a scarlet flare on the mount in autumn.

Negro Segregation Upheld.

Louisville, Ky.—Segregation of the 40,000 negroes in Louisville is the rightful exercise of a police power of the state, according to an opinion given by Judge James P. Gregory. The council passed a segregation ordinance last May.

46 Arrested on Fraud Charge.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Forty-six men were arrested here by United States marshals on indictments returned by the federal grand jury in Indianapolis, charging election frauds. All the men were released on \$2,500 bonds each.

Swiss Demobilize Partly.

Paris.—The Swiss government has decided to order a partial demobilization, according to the Petit Parisien's correspondent, who says that about 250,000 men will gradually be released from duty.

Locomotives Burned.

Duluth, Minn.—Eight locomotives were disabled, four destroyed and the Duluth roundhouse of the Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific railroad wrecked by fire. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

BEAUTIFUL CHURCH LAID IN RUINS



Exterior of the church at Ramscape after the once beautiful edifice had been wrecked by the shells of the contending armies.

FIRE DOES MUCH DAMAGE PORTUGAL VOTES FOR WAR

CALUMET, MICH., SUFFERS \$300,000 LOSS.

Pittsburg, Pa., Duluth, Minn., and Richmond, Mo., Among Cities Visited by "Fire King."

Richmond, Missouri.—Fire that started from an overheated stove in the basement of the Estes department store destroyed the establishment, with an estimated loss of \$50,000. The Carlson Jewelry company, adjoining, suffered a loss of \$5,000.

Duluth, Minnesota.—Eight locomotives were disabled, four destroyed and the Duluth roundhouse of the Duluth, Winnipeg & Pacific railroad wrecked by fire. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.—Fire originating in an electric motor damaged the plant of the Superior Steel company at Carnegie, a suburb, \$100,000.

Calumet, Michigan.—Destruction of the stamp mill of the Isle Royale Copper Mining company by fire will not cause suspension of mining, it is said. The product will be sent to the Centennial mill in this city. The loss is close to \$300,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

UNOFFICIAL TRUCE PROBABLE

Thousands of Tons of Presents Have Been Sent to the Various Battle Lines.

London, England.—Although belligerent powers refused to agree to the pope's plan for a Christmas truce along the battle lines, it is realized here that some sort of a truce will set in on Christmas day.

Thousands of tons of Christmas presents have been sent to all the fronts. The distribution and enjoyment of these gifts will be another argument for the suspension of firing wherever it is possible.

London newspapers have decided unanimously not to publish on Christmas day, and the official press bureau will suspend its activities from the afternoon of Dec. 24 until the evening of Dec. 25.

Italy Seizes Port.

Rome.—Italy took steps in Albania which can hardly fail to infuriate Austria and lead to Italy's intervention in the war. For the protection of Italian interests, marines were landed at Avlona, directly across the Adriatic from Otranto, and took possession of the city. There was no fighting. For the present, and, possibly for all time, Avlona is as much an Italian city as Naples. The pretext for the step was the activity of Moslem rebels, who, instigated by Austria, were massacring the adherents of Italy's friend, Essad Pasha, and were looting just outside the walls of Avlona.

Arizona to Be Dry Jan. 1.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The Arizona prohibition law will go into effect Jan. 1. The special United States tribunal, from which injunctions were sought to prevent its enforcement, refused to issue injunctions. Appeal to the United States supreme court will be taken at once.

To Investigate Filipino Revolt.

Washington.—Brig. Gen. Frank McIntyre, chief of the bureau of insular affairs of the war department, cabled to Gov. Harrison at Manila to inquire as to the truth of the reported discovery of a plot for a Filipino uprising.

Had \$4,000 With Him to Pay \$1 Fine. Hastings, Nebraska.—A draft for \$3,229.57, together with currency and checks, bringing the total to nearly \$4,000, was found on the person of William J. Kelly, cattleman from Banner county, who was fined \$1 and costs in police court.

Poorhouse for Woman 102.

Chicago.—Application to send Chicago's oldest resident, Mrs. Marie Schiebelske, 102 years, to the poorhouse, was made by the woman's surviving child, Mrs. William Kretschner, herself a grandmother.

Tipperary Leads Fire March.

Detroit, Mich.—To the tune of "Tipperary," the marching song of the allies, played by a cool girl pianist, 200 persons marched in perfect order from a smoke-filled moving picture house.

ACTION CAUSED BY GERMAN ATTACK IN ANGOLA.

Little Nation Expected to Take Sides With England in Great Conflict.

Lisbon, Portugal.—The entrance of Portugal into the European war was foreshadowed when the chamber voted in favor of making preparations for Portugal to join England in the conflict. The chamber also approved proposals for measures to be taken in defense of the colonies and all steps necessary placing the country on a war footing.

It is generally expected that Portugal's greatest activity will be in Africa against the German colonies, should the decision to enter the war be finally adopted.

The vote in the chamber followed an announcement that the Germans had directed another attack upon the Portuguese province of Angola.

Portugal's peace strength consists of 30,000 men, comprising the home army and 10,000 colonial troops. In war time about 250,000 trained troops could be put into the field. Conscription prevails in Portugal and the army is considered fairly efficient, but not thoroughly equipped.

Portugal already has sent an expeditionary force estimated at upwards of 7,000 men to West Africa. The first of these troops were sent during September and more followed during October.

GUTIERREZ HAVING TROUBLE

Provisional President Said to Have Left Capital Because of Differences With Leaders.

San Antonio, Texas.—That Provisional President Eulalio Gutierrez had quit Mexico City, due to differences between him and Felipe Angeles and his followers, was reported to T. R. Beltran, local constitutionalist consul.

The message said the capital was governed by a commission composed equally of Villa and Zapata adherents and that another provisional president would be selected Jan. 10.

Gen. Scott Confers With Leader.

Naco, Arizona.—Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, conferred with Benjamin Hill, the Carranza defender of Naco, Sonora, and said that "it was a very satisfactory interview."

A conference with Maytorena is now being arranged by Gen. Scott. Gen. Hill reported that 126 of Maytorena's Yaquis threw down their arms and crossed to the American side at a point two miles west of here.

OLEO "MOONSHINERS" IN BAD

Fifty Indicted by Federal Grand Jury at St. Louis—Names Are Kept Secret.

St. Louis, Missouri.—The special federal grand jury that has been in session since Dec. 15, reported in the United States district court and returned 24 true bills, which, according to United States District Attorney Arthur L. Oliver, contain indictments against 45 or 50 oleomargarine manufacturers.

A request was made by Oliver to have the names of the persons held secret until service is made. The order was made by Judge Dyer.

According to Robert W. Childs, assistant to the attorney general, the entire session of the jury was devoted to oleomargarine manufacturers and that the indictments represent one of the largest "clean ups" in the country. The jury was excused until Jan. 12 when investigations will be resumed.

General Lane Dead.

Lewiston, Idaho.—John Lane, major general of artillery under Gen. Robert E. Lee in the Civil War, died at his home here. He was a son of Gen. Joseph Lane, former United States senator and first governor of Oregon.

Mikado Dissolves Diet.

Tokyo, Japan.—Owing to the rejection of the measure for an increase in the army the emperor dissolved the imperial diet, thus upholding the program of the ministry of the military development.

FIRST CAR OF NEW STONE FOR CAPITOL

FINE SPECIMEN OF BURLINGTON ROCK IS FROM QUARRY AT CARTHAGE.

CAN BE DONE IN NINE MONTHS

No Date Fixed for Corner Stone Laying, But Fine Weather Will Be a Necessary Part of the Program.

Jefferson City.

The first carload of stone for the outer walls of the new Missouri state-house has been received and others will follow shortly.

The stone was cut and dressed at the plant put in by the Ingalls Stone Co. of Missouri at Cassville, Barry county.

President C. F. Ingalls said that all the outside walls can be completed within nine months after the corner stone is laid.

The stone is a fine sample of the finest Burlington limestone. It comes from the Superior quarry at Carthage and from the Cassville quarry.

While a date has not been fixed for the formal corner stone laying, it is likely that if the weather and other conditions are favorable a date will be fixed before the final adjournment of the Forty-eighth general assembly.

To Audit Expenses.

A measure to require all bills for the support of the state educational eleemosynary and penal institutions, to be audited by the state auditor and paid only upon warrants issued by him, will be introduced in the Forty-eighth general assembly.

This would, if enacted into a law, completely revolutionize the system of accounting between these institutions and the state and Auditor John P. Gordon believes it would save the state about \$25,000 annually.

Under the present system the warden of the state penitentiary or the boards of management of any institution issue a requisition upon the state for money whenever they want to pay salaries or purchase supplies. Thirty days later, when the money has been expended, general statements of what it was expended for are filed in the office of the state auditor.

Such a law would do away with the necessity for the treasurers of institution boards who receive salaries ranging between \$30 and \$100 a month.

Convicts Multiply.

The Missouri penitentiary has more inmates than on any previous day in its history. The number is 2,571. Of these 58 were brought last week from Kansas City.

So congested is the institution that the Kansas Cityans slept in the prison hospital. Warden D. C. McClung expects a big batch of prisoners from St. Louis before the first of the year. The increase in prison population is thought to be due to widespread unemployment.

A new cell house is being constructed, but it will not be ready for use this winter. Some of the present cells have as many as six men in them and none have fewer than two.

Code of Ethics for Teachers.

To improve school conditions in Missouri is the aim of several committees appointed at the meeting in Columbia of the executive committee of the Missouri State Teachers' association, of which President A. Ross Hill of the University of Missouri is chairman.

These committees were named to do the following work: Draw up a code of professional ethics for Missouri teachers; investigate teachers' salaries; draw up a model educational code for Missouri; investigate the "junior high school" plan; investigate simplified spelling; co-operate with the National Educational association on the study of English in the grades.

Grade Crossing Appeal.

Frank F. Rozelle, attorney, has filed with the public service commission an application for an order to compel the Missouri Pacific Railroad company to abolish the grade crossing at Blue Avenue on its line midway between Kansas City and Independence.

Stone to Pick Postmaster.

Senator Stone has decided to shoulder the responsibility connected with the appointment of a postmaster at this place. It was thought a primary election would be necessary to suit all factions, but the idea was abandoned.

May Road Message.

Unless opposition develops from the old guard leaders in the general assembly, a resolution will be offered when the two branches are organized inviting Gov. Major to read his message to the legislature instead of sending it to the two bodies to be droned through by clerks.

Rate Hearing Recused.

A recess until Jan. 19 has been taken in the hearing on the higher freight and passenger rates by the Missouri public service commission.

Pardon Board Reports.

Since the board of pardons was created by the legislature in 1913 it has recommended and Gov. Major has paroled 293 inmates of the penitentiary. In addition, the board recommended and Gov. Major restored to citizenship 60, pardoned one and granted commutations of sentence to 21.

These figures are given in the report of the board of pardons to Gov. Major.

The governor has found it necessary to revoke but 18 paroles. Only two convicts have received absolute pardons during Gov. Major's term. In addition to the figures given, Gov. Major commuted the sentences of about 45 convicts for serving upon the roads during goods roads days in 1913.

The board has received reports from paroled convicts which show they earned during 1914 \$2,708 a week, or \$140,816 for the year. The board finds that 211 are earning an average of \$9 a week. The total number of paroles by the board during 1913 and 1914 was 293.

Missouri's Crop Value.

The state board of agriculture estimates the value of farm crops grown in Missouri this year at more than \$200,000,000, or \$9,000,000 in excess of the five-year average. Large as are these figures, they do not disclose the real return from Missouri farms. Had live stock, wool, dairy products, poultry, orchards and apary products been included it would have been seen that even in what has been counted a rather unfavorable year Missouri farm production and sales have totaled not less than \$500,000,000.

The value of Missouri crops for the year 1914 reaches the magnificent total of \$301,455,275, according to estimates based upon records made by the board's official representatives in the 114 counties of the state.

Wakes Up Famous.

"I went to bed one night just a plain Missouri housewife and woke up the next morning to find myself famous," is the text of a note Gov. Major received from Mrs. W. E. Walker of Lamont, Pettis county.

Mrs. Walker sent Gov. Major some of the best "cracklin' bread" he ever ate and a lot of perfectly cooked "chins" or backbones, after the governor had declared in a speech at Lamont a few days before that making "cracklin'" bread was a lost art to the Missouri housewife, and that nobody in these decadent days knew how to properly cook a "backbone."

New "Red Book."

The new Missouri Red Book, the twenty-fifth annual report of the Missouri bureau of labor statistics, has just been distributed by John T. Fitzpatrick, labor commissioner.

The book contains 802 pages, and is known as the "Missouri Booster Edition." The facts and figures, compiled by A. T. Edmondston, supervisor of statistics, are for the fiscal year ending Nov. 5, 1914. They show the resources, advantages and opportunities of the state.

Dead Hauls in Missouri.

A. L. Conrad, assistant general auditor of the Santa Fe railroad, told the public service commission that over 19 per cent of the total number of state and interstate passengers carried by the Santa Fe in Missouri for a period of five months, including July, August, September, October and December, 1913, were "dead head" passengers, or passengers from whom no fares were received.

Writ in Campbell Case.

L. Frank Ottoly, counsel for relatives who are suing to break the will of the late James Campbell, multimillionaire of St. Louis, filed with the supreme court application for a writ of prohibition to prevent Judge Hitchcock from reviewing the action of the probate court in appointing John F. Leahy administrator, pending litigation of the will.

City Wins Case.

In the Chouteau avenue (St. Louis) viaduct case, decided in the supreme court on banc by Judge Brown, it is ruled that as the ordinance requiring the elimination of the grade crossing had been passed prior to the enactment of the law creating the public service commission the construction must proceed under the ordinance.

European Contributions.

No reliable returns have come in as to the success of the Charity day campaign Dec. 19, set apart by the governor, on which to solicit aid for the starving Europeans. St. Louis people contributed nearly \$5,000 in money and several hundred barrels of flour.

Woman Judge Appointed.

Gov. Major appointed Miss Frances Hopkins probate judge of Clay county for the remainder of the year. She will succeed her father, Louis H. Hopkins. Miss Hopkins will be the first woman in Missouri to hold the office of probate judge.

Rehearing Denied.

The K. C. C. & St. J. R. R. has filed application for a rehearing in the matter of commutation rates lately filed by the public service commission. The application was denied by unanimous vote of the commission.

Protest Denied.

The Rock Island recently took a train off by which the people of Union claimed to have been greatly inconvenienced. The public service commission has refused to issue an order for the railway to restore the service.

2 DREADNAUGHTS FOR NAVY FAVORED

NAVAL COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT PROGRAM SOON AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES.

TEN SUBMARINES PROBABLE

Its Success in European War Has Gained Friends for Underwater Craft—Appropriation for Air Craft Expected.

committee on naval affairs expects to submit its report on the naval building program for the coming fiscal year shortly after congress reconvenes. The subcommittee, which conducted numerous hearings, probably will make its recommendations to the full committee.

The majority sentiment of the committee is said to be in favor of two dreadnaughts, as suggested by Secretary Daniels, and opposed to the four battleship program proposed by the general board of which Admiral Dewey is the head.

Its success in the European war has gained friends for the submarine in the committee and a member said that provisions probably would be made for 10 underwater craft. Of this number, perhaps seven will be designed for coast-defense patrol, the others for sea duty.

There also is a strong belief among the committee members that the appropriation for naval air craft should be greatly increased, and it is not unlikely one or two millions may be apportioned to this branch of the service.

Metz Shelled by French.

Paris.—In a daring flight over the Lorraine border, a squadron of French aeroplanes has bombarded the great German fortress and military base of Metz, retaliating for the raid into France of the Zeppelin which dropped bombs into Nancy.

How much damage was accomplished has not been ascertained, but despite all the precautions against such a raid taken by the Germans, the attacking aviators succeeded in dropping bombs on the big hangars which house a great number of the German flying machines and followed this up by bombarding a railroad station from which troops and supplies were being shipped to the front. Then, as they swung away from the city to escape to their own base, they dropped more bombs on the barracks at St. Privat.

Harrison Explains "Revolt."

Washington.—Details of native uprisings in the Philippines beginning Christmas eve, were given in a cablegram received from Gov. Gen. Harrison at the war department and made public by Assistant Secretary Brockbridge. The report minimized the extent of the trouble, but stated that small bodies of Filipinos had assembled in Manila and Navotas Christmas eve, and at Laguna de Bay, and attempted to make trouble. As a result 40 men were arrested and one man was shot by a policeman.

British Lost 4 Seaplanes.

London.—Announcement of the attack by seven British navy seaplanes on Cuxhaven Christmas day, was made by the official press bureau. It was stated no information had been received as to the damage inflicted upon the German vessels, although six of the airmen returned in safety to the warships which conveyed them. One of the airmen is missing and four of the seaplanes were destroyed.

Italy to Uphold U. S.

Rome, Italy.—Instructions have been sent to the Italian cruiser Calabria, now at Beirut, Syria, to assist the United States cruiser North Carolina, if the necessity should arise, as the result of further demonstrations against the departure of Europeans from Turkish territory.

Wilson to Make Speeches.

Washington.—President Wilson plans to speak in several cities on his return trip from San Francisco exposition next spring, and his friends expect him to reply to recent attacks on his Mexican and other administration policies.

Troops to Leave Colorado.

Denver, Colo.—The gradual withdrawal of federal troops from the Colorado coal fields, where they have been on strike duty since last April, will begin this week, according to Gov. Ammons.

Archbishop Riordan Dead.

San Francisco, Cal.—Most Rev. Patrick William Riordan, archbishop of the diocese of San Francisco of the Catholic church, died.

Miss Clark to Wed.

Washington.—The speaker and Mrs. Clark announced the engagement of their daughter, Genevieve, to James M. Thomson of New Orleans. The wedding is to take place at Bowling Green, Mo., next spring or early summer.

Knights Templar Head Dies.

Troy, N. Y.—Col. Arthur MacArthur, grand master of the encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home. He was 64 years old.